

## TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

**BUSINESS.**  
Yesterday's bank clearings were \$5,621,499; balances, \$1,462,790. Local discount rates were from 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 per cent. Domestic exchange was quoted as follows: New York, 25c premium bid, 26c premium asked; Chicago, 25c premium bid, 26c premium asked; Cincinnati and Louisville, par bid, 26c premium asked; New Orleans, 10c discount bid, par asked.  
Wheat closed lower at 74 1/2c, July \$1.04 1/2c; No. 2 red, corn closed lower at 63 1/2c, July 63 1/2c; No. 2 mixed, oats closed at 37 1/2c, July 37 1/2c; No. 2 Northern.  
The local market for spot cotton quiet and unchanged.

## LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

The situation in the drought-stricken district in Missouri, it is said, has not been exaggerated.  
Alex L. Siegmund is appointed Assistant Postmaster by Postmaster Baumhoff.  
The case of John A. Murrell, charged with bribery, will be called to trial to-day. The Grand Jury has taken a recess for a week.  
President Diaz will send a detachment of the Mexican Republic to the World's Fair.  
The brickwork on the sewer system of the World's Fair is completed.  
Judge Fisher, in sustaining the defense's argument in the case of John Furey against the city, holds that the city cannot be held responsible for the deaths from tetanus.  
The United States Court of Appeals affirms the decisions of the lower courts in six cases.  
George Ashford of Jackson, Neb., who came to St. Louis to visit his fiancée, Miss Beatrice F. Ryan, found her married to Horrell Johnson of New Madrid, Mo.  
The City Board of Equalization organized and prepares to hear complaints from taxpayers.

## GENERAL DOMESTIC.

The Republican State Committee of Illinois will meet at Springfield March 27 to fix a date and place for holding the State Convention.  
A minister who denounced anarchists in a sermon at Elizabeth, N. J., is attacked at night and severely injured.  
A Chicago flat dweller, when fire breaks out in his tenement, is accompanied by a woman from the flames and is himself severely injured.  
Gaynor and Greene, defendants in the conspiracy case at Savannah, Ga., are still in Canada, and the trial is postponed until the May term.  
The Missouri River is nearly dry at Chamberlain, S. D., as the result of an ice gorge. Fears of great damage are entertained.  
Waste lands in Indiana are to be planted in black locusts for the purpose of producing railroad ties.  
The steamship Rhin arriving at New York with smallpox on board, and 2,200 immigrants are delayed in arriving at their new homes.  
Witnesses for the defense were examined at the trial of Stewart Fife at Savannah, Mo., who is charged with the murder of Frank Richardson. The defense attacked details of State testimony.  
M. V. Cheatham of Dallas, Tex., was accidentally shot and dangerously wounded at Havana, Cuba.  
Charges have been preferred against Postmaster Coyne of Chicago to the effect that he has degraded Democrats to make places for Republicans.  
Eight or ten lives have been lost in the great blizzard that swept through the Northwestern States and Territories since last night. Reports from the North and West are that the weather was generally fair, but intensely cold, the thermometer ranging from 10 to 15 below zero.  
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Storm Subsides, but Cold is Still Intense Throughout the Northwest.

## RAILROADS START SNOWPLOWS

Mountainous Drifts Block the Tracks—Losses of Cattle May Amount to Thirty Per Cent or More.

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Fruit Injured in Some Localities—Snow, Drop of Temperature and Piercing Wind.

Kansas City, Mo., March 17.—The cold wave that started in last evening will continue for twenty-four hours, yet according to the local weather bureau, the temperature has fallen 30 degrees in this part of the Southwest since last night, reaching as low as 8 above zero, at Abilene and Lawrence, Kas.

It is feared that much injury has been done to fruit. No snow is reported.

## SEVERE BLIZZARD.

Vandalia, Ill., March 17.—The cold wave reached here this morning. The mercury since yesterday noon has dropped over 60 degrees, and to-night it is hovering only a few degrees above the zero mark, with prospects of its reaching below before morning. A genuine midwinter blizzard prevailed this morning, covering the ground with a light fall of snow. The change is the most severe experienced here this season.

## Fruit Damaged.

Marshall, Mo., March 17.—The present cold snap has done much damage to fruit, wheat and early gardens. The mercury this morning registered 8 above zero. There is much suffering among the poorer classes, as fuel is scarce.

## Piercing Wind.

Carlyle, Ill., March 17.—The cold wave struck this locality early this morning. The mercury dropped to 20 degrees above zero in a few hours and is still growing colder. A piercing, cold northwest wind prevailed, accompanied by snow flurries.

## Blizzard at Alhambra.

Alhambra, Ill., March 17.—A strong wind has been blowing since yesterday morning. The temperature was nearly 30 degrees yesterday and this morning a blizzard was raging, with the thermometer at 15.

## Drop at Clarkburg.

Clarkburg, Mo., March 17.—The predicted cold wave began this morning with a high wind from the Northwest, growing colder until this morning, when the mercury registered 10 below zero. There is much suffering among the poorer classes, as fuel is scarce.

## Rough on the River.

Evansville, Ind., March 17.—This has been a rough day in the river, and many of the boats were delayed by the strong wind. Snow fell all day and melted as fast as it fell. There is a scarcity of coal in Southern Indiana towns.

## Drop of Fifty Degrees.

Altamont, Ill., March 17.—A severe blizzard struck this locality early this morning. The mercury dropped 50 degrees in twelve hours, the change being the severest felt here this season.

## BERLIN WORLD'S FAIR SOCIETY.

Will Promote the Exposition Throughout the German Empire.



MARY JANE BENNETT  
MATTIE BENNETT'S HOME, WHERE A SERIES OF BRUTAL ROBBERIES AND MURDERS ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED. THE NEGRO WOMAN HERE CONFESSIONED THAT MANY WHITE MEN WERE LURED INTO THIS HUT AND KEPT INTO INSENSIBILITY, THEIR CRIBS BEING FURNISHED BY JOHN HANCOCK'S BODIES OF VICTIMS HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM THE NEGROES RIVER.

## MISS EDITH FIFE ON WITNESS STAND

Attempt to Get Her to Admit That Family Tried to Conceal Her Brother's Address Failed.

STATE'S WITNESSES ATTACKED.

Mrs. Richardson Recalled to Testify Concerning Details of Her Visit to St. Charles Hotel—Incidents of the Trial.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Quincy, Ill., March 17.—Late last night Fred Moecker, 20 years old, blew out his brains after making a desperate effort to kill his wife. Reports from the hospital late to-night are to the effect that his wife is in a precarious condition. The tragedy was premeditated and carefully planned.

Sunday evening Moecker went to the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Fannie Robinson, where his wife, who was with him, was partying. He was under the influence of liquor, but promised to reform, and told his wife that she need not have to work any more. During the evening he played with the children, and did not leave until nearly 11 o'clock. He requested his wife to go to the front gate with him, and she did so.

When they got to the outside he suddenly drew a revolver, and, without a word of warning, fired two shots at her. One took effect in her right wrist, shattering it, and the other in her right breast, penetrating the lung and lodging against the back.

Moecker then went to the back of the house, where he entered a woodshed, and placed the pistol in his left temple. He died almost instantly. The body was found on his person dated March 13. In his left hand he held a plan for killing his wife and children.

The dead man was the son of the late Henry Moecker, for many years the hotel business here, and inherited considerable money, which he spent in riotous living.

BIG NEW YORK APPROPRIATION. Legislature Urged to Give St. Louis Fair \$500,000.

Resolutions adopted by the New York Board of Police and Transportation, March 12, urge Governor Odell of that State to recommend a World's Fair appropriation to the Legislature equal to that accorded for a display at the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago. The amount of the Chicago appropriation was \$500,000.

The resolutions endorse the Exposition and commend the efforts of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition building was specially suited and decorated for the occasion.

President of the Board of Missouri Commissioners at Charleston, introduced Mrs. Haskell and invited the 300 guests. Mrs. Haskell and her friends, who were in the city to see the Exposition, were warmly welcomed by the large and brilliant audience with the artistic naturalness of her readings.

If you want a better position, read the 215 "Help Wanted" Ads. in to-day's Republic. Look again tomorrow if nothing to suit you is advertised to-day.

CECIL RHODES GROWS WEAKER. Sleeps Most of the Afternoon and Is More Cheerful.

Cape Town, March 17.—Cecil Rhodes enjoyed natural sleep most of the afternoon. He is now more cheerful.

Otherwise, there is little change in his condition. He is much weaker to-day and his heart symptoms are worse.

Always in the lead—Republican "Want" Ad. 22 printed in to-day's Republic. Read them.

Tour of Governor Stone. Brookfield, Mo., March 17.—Former Governor William J. Stone spoke at Bennett Opera-house in this city to-night to an enthusiastic audience. For nearly two hours the ex-Governor held his audience in close attention, touching upon the national issues. The senatorial primary is the deepest in this (Linn) County Saturday, March 22. Mr. Stone goes from Brookfield to Marcelline to speak Tuesday night and from there to Monroe City for Wednesday night.

TRIPOLE, AFRICA—As a result of the fierce fighting, which was followed by the capture of the city, the Sultan, Ahmed, has been deposed, and Mohammed Duda, son of the former Sultan, has been proclaimed Sultan in his stead.

Snow Deep in the Black Hills. Omaha, Neb., March 17.—Reports received at headquarters of the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley, state that the snow in the Black Hills country is the deepest of the winter. In the cuts the drifts reached a depth of from ten to fifteen feet, and blocked all trains for twelve hours. All trains were from eight to ten hours late this morning.

## Scruggs, Vandervoort &amp; Barney

DRY GOODS CO.

Broadway, Olive and Locust Streets.

## Fashion Show

To-Day, To-Morrow and the Day After.

Spring Opening Days at Scruggs, Vandervoort & Barney's mean not only a showing of things beautiful and rare—but also an exhibit of everything desirable in dry goods—ordinary things for every-day use—the best of each.

## Our Hats

This is a particular feature of the opening—each bearing the stamp of individuality and chic—models from the leading makers of Paris and London—particularly smart effects in tailor hats at \$1.50 to \$18—beautiful floral sets new in Paris—nothing has been spared to make this a notable hat show.

## Moire Coats

Distinguished for their richness of trimming—The long Monte Carlo, with its very large collar with interlacings of ecrú embroidery—the Du Barry in Short Empire style with the big loose Bishop sleeve—Coffee Coats with undersleeves of Chiffon—Theater Coats with over collars of hand-made lace with raised petals—Louis XV. Coats stitched in white silk—all new French models.

Scruggs, Vandervoort & Barney  
DRY GOODS COMPANY.

## ALEX. L. SIEGMUND SUCCEEDS SAUNDERS

Postmaster Baumhoff's New Assistant Has Been in the Service Eighteen Years.

Postmaster Baumhoff yesterday appointed Alexander L. Siegmund of No. 1917 Postoffice street to succeed William Fiewelly Saunders as Assistant Postmaster. He took the oath of office in the afternoon.

Mr. Siegmund entered the postal department October 15, 1881, six months after Mr. Baumhoff. He was educated in St. Louis and was 18 years old when he entered the



ALEXANDER L. SIEGMUND.  
Who has been appointed Assistant Postmaster to succeed William Fiewelly Saunders.

He was advanced from a stampster to a carrier, and later was city distributor in the Chicago and Alton Railway mail service, and then became foreman in the city distribution section. He has also been superintendent of the registry division, carrier department and city delivery department.

The appointment meets with the general approval of the employees of the Post Office, as Mr. Siegmund is one of the most popular men employed, and ever since the resignation of Mr. Saunders, pressure has been brought to bear to induce Mr. Baumhoff to appoint a politician, but he has declined to recognize service.

Committee Meeting Called.  
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
St. Louis, Mo., March 17.—The committee of the Washington County Democratic Central Committee, has is-

## FOOD CURE.

The True Way to Get Well.

The tales told of how food will make people well are nearly always interesting. A lady in Cleveland, O., says: "I had an attack of nervous prostration and finally had to give up and go to bed. I did not know what to do with me. My physician told me that I should take a trip, and a favorite Aunt, who was at that time, was still very weak. I made the journey, which was a short one, to Cleveland."

There I gave out again and had neuralgia badly in addition to my other nervous troubles. While in this condition I was urged to change my food and try Grape-Nuts. I had tried Grape-Nuts at home, but did not like them. I had not water on them, but under the advice of a friend I started in on Grape-Nuts and very rich milk. That was a different story and I enjoyed the food greatly.

"In a few days I began to get strong and lost the desire to lie down. I forgot to tell you that I had been suffering from dyspepsia. This gradually lessened when I had Grape-Nuts Food for breakfast and supper."

"Shortly after I began to put on flesh and went up from 115 pounds to 125 in about six weeks. When I returned home all my friends remarked on my improved appearance, and the vigor and strength I had regained paid me well for my food experiment."

In addition to strength of body I noticed a remarkable improvement in my mental strength. It was a pleasure to me to read and think and get my worries that would have put me to bed in my former condition shipped off as easily without oppressing me at all." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

## Original Gowns

From the most noted Parisian costumers—just a few hints from the truly magnificent collection—A black Moire Antique with the new morning glory skirt—A gown of crepe with a genuine Empire sleeve and trimmed in a loosely woven three or four inch braid—decidedly novel and chic—In the Pongees is a most elaborate creation of the fabric combined with lace applied to a Brussels net foundation—the garniture taking the form of many entre-deux—in sea-foam antique moire—flowered mulls and white Irish laces—combinations of batiste and carrikmacross lace—an exquisitely lovely Crepe de Chine in rose pink with a genuine sunburst skirt—tailor-built dresses trimmed in the very effective cashmere cloths and ornaments—a number of very handsome examples of lattice work in flounce, girdle, sleeve and yoke effects—exceptionally dainty house gowns, morning gowns and matinees—in models exclusive to

Scruggs, Vandervoort & Barney  
DRY GOODS COMPANY.

## New Dress Shoes

Those interested in dainty slippers are invited to see the pretty Colonial styles in patent leather—the daintily beaded cross strapped shoes in kid—one, two or three straps prettily beaded—quite new ideas in the famous and comfortable "Sorosis" Slipper.

## New Waists

For day and evening—after models never before shown in this country—Irish crochet relieved with hand-benched, strappings—Silks and nets with lattice work interlacings—all over Carrikmacross—with petals in relief.

## The House Beautiful

Bridal chest, cedar lined, iron hinged—an ideal wedding gift—Flemish oak Sideboard mounted in dull rough copper—Illuminated net curtains in stained glass designs—Many things "different" in round and square table coverings, new linen homespun tinted in tapestry colors—Roman embroidery Easter baskets in the desirable dull yellows—a visit to the third floor will repay anybody who likes to see beautiful things for the house.

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DRY GOODS COMPANY.

## USED DYNAMITE TO KILL HIS WIFE

Rejected Husband Dropped Explosive in a Store—Wife and Mother Badly Hurt.

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Kansas City, Mo., March 17.—Edward Releford, who was charged with the murder of his wife, was yesterday sentenced to the State Penitentiary for life.

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## Kodak, Race Glasses, 608 OLIVE

Thermometers, Barometers.

## M. V. CHEATHAM SHOT AT HAVANA

Prominent Citizen of Sherman, Tex., Probably Fatally Injured as Result of an Accident.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC.  
Havana, Cuba, March 17.—Copyright, 1902.  
M. V. Cheatham, president of the A. B. Richards Medical Company of Sherman, Tex., was accidentally shot here this morning.

His spine was fractured by the bullet and Major Ducher, who attended him, pronounced the wound fatal.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Sherman, Tex., March 17.—M. V. Cheatham, who was fatally injured in an accident at Havana, Cuba, to-day, is one of the most widely known men of Texas. For many years he has made his home in Sherman, where he is manager of one of the largest medicine and drug companies in the South, and he has traveled over the State for many years.

Mr. Cheatham is interested in a number of Texas enterprises and is well-to-do. His wife and three little daughters live in Sherman.

Governor Stone at Linneus. Linneus, Mo., March 17.—Ex-Governor Stone spoke to the people of Linneus this afternoon. His remarks were enthusiastically received and touched upon the issues of the day, principally imperialism, taxation, trusts, etc.



## What's in a Name

Like a racer in the chase, far to the front, and forging ahead.

## Hunter Baltimore Rye

is the leading whiskey of America.

In a great run, the country over, on its Quality, Popularity, Reputation it comes up always on call.

DAVID HICKMAN, St. Louis, Mo.

## I WILL CURE YOU OF RHEUMATISM

NO PAY UNTIL YOU KNOW IT.

After 2,000 experiments I have learned how to cure Rheumatism. Not to turn away from it, but to attack it. If it comes, I will cure it. I will pay him my money.

I have no samples. Any medicine that can affect Rheumatism with but a few doses must be drug to the verge of danger. I use no such drug. It is folly to take them. Use my cure. It is the only one that will cure the disease out of the blood.

My remedy does that, even in the most difficult, obstinate cases. No matter how impossible this seems to you, I know it and I take this risk. I have cured tens of thousands of cases in this way, and my records show that 30 out of 40 who get my cure, are cured. I will pay him my money. I will cure it. I will pay him my money.

Let me write me a postal card or letter. Let me send you an order for the medicine. Use it. Take it for a month. If it won't harm you, I will pay him my money. I will cure it. I will pay him my money.

Dr. Shoop, Box 64, Racine, Wis.